



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

POW-MIA Recognition Day

WHEREAS, POW-MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of American service members who suffered or still suffer in captivity while on active duty, or who were or remain Missing In Action; and


WHEREAS, thousands of United States service members have been or remain classified as MIA, including nearly 1,700 Americans from the Vietnam War, approximately 8,000 from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 78,000 from World War II, one MIA in Iraq, and one POW in Afghanistan; and


WHEREAS, United States service members continue to serve at significant personal risk and Rhode Islanders have profound gratitude for the courage, determination and resolve of POWs and MIAs, and remain mindful of their families, friends and fellow veterans who continue to wait for a resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2012 as POW-MIA Recognition Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 4th day of September, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State